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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Diego—Gunman Kills One, Injures Seven at Apartment Complex

(U) A man holding a gun in one hand and a bottle of beer in the other opened fire on people around a swimming pool in a San Diego apartment complex, killing one and injuring others before police shot him dead on Sunday, according to media. The gunman launched his attack just after 6 p.m. during a birthday celebration in the complex in the city's University City section. Two police officers arrived and confronted the gunman, who exchanged gunfire with the officers before he was shot, a witness said. San Diego Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman did not identify the suspect or mention a possible motive.

SOURCE: 1 May 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Whittier—Armed Couple Arrested after Weekend Shooting Spree

(U) Los Angeles Sheriff's detectives are trying to determine what prompted a string of shootings in Whittier and the surrounding community that left one person dead and two others injured. Officials said the random attacks appeared to be tied to two carjackings allegedly committed by a man and woman on 29 April. They opened fire twice in Whittier and twice in the neighboring city of La Mirada, fatally wounding one person and injuring two others. Two hours later, suspects matching the description of the couple were found with a gun in a different stolen vehicle, according to the Whittier Police Department. The pair, who had gunshot wounds, was arrested on suspicion of grand theft auto.

SOURCE: 30 April 2017, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia—NSA Halts Controversial Email Collection Practice

(U) Washington—The National Security Agency has ended a controversial surveillance practice of collecting email traffic merely because it contains the email address or phone number of a foreign target, a procedure that greatly increased the chances that purely domestic communications would be gathered. The agency agreed to end the "about the target" collection to win approval from a federal court to continue a major surveillance program known colloquially as "Section 702" of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. Upstream collection is a comparatively small part of overall 702 collection—about 9 percent—however, it could result in "a large overall number of purely domestic" communications, a privacy oversight board concluded in 2014.

SOURCE: 28 April 2017, [Washington Post](#)

(U) Kentucky—University Students Attacked by Man Wielding Machete

(U) Lexington—A former student at Transylvania University struck two female victims with a machete in the campus coffee shop on 28 April after asking them about their political affiliations, according to campus officials. The alleged assailant, 19-year-old Mitchell W. Adkins, ran into the coffee shop around 8 a.m. with a bag filled with various weapons, including a machete and knives, and demanded students answer him about whether they called themselves Republicans or Democrats. Transylvania campus police quickly arrived on the scene and were able to take Adkins into custody after a brief struggle. An

investigation is underway to determine what led to the attack.

SOURCE: 28 April 2017, [NBC News](#)

(U) Maryland—Ground Search Called Off for Convicted Attempted Cop Killer

(U) Jessup—The ground search for an escaped inmate convicted in the attempted murder of a Delaware cop was called off on 29 April, police said. David M. Watson, 28, escaped Friday morning from a van that had been driven from the Wicomico County Corrections Center to the Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center in Jessup, Maryland, according to a Howard County Police Department spokeswoman. The ground search was suspended after police had exhausted "all search efforts in the immediate area," but authorities are still investigating in an attempt to locate him. Police said there have been no confirmed reports of sightings of Watson, who was sentenced of more than 100 years in Delaware for attempted murder.

SOURCE: 29 April 2017, [ABC News](#)

(U) New York—AG Sessions Vows to Eradicate MS-13 Gang

(U) New York—The attorney general of the United States, Jeff Sessions, gave a 20-minute speech on 28 April to local police commissioners and sheriffs promising to eradicate the transnational gang known as MS-13, who are believed to be responsible for the recent killings in Long Island. Sessions said was "particularly alert to" the violence affecting Suffolk County, where the bodies of four young men who had been brutally killed were found near a park on 13 April. Authorities contend the killings had the markings of MS-13, which would bring the gang's body count to 15 in Suffolk County since the beginning of 2016, the most violent stretch since MS-13 took hold on Long Island in the late 1990s.

SOURCE: 28 April 2017, [New York Times](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan—ISIS Leader Likely Killed, Says Pentagon

(U) Nangarhar Province—US and Afghan troops likely killed the leader of the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham's (ISIS) Afghanistan affiliate in a raid this week, the Pentagon said on 28 April. The raid, which occurred overnight Wednesday-Thursday in Nangarhar province, targeted Abdul Hasib, whom the Pentagon called the ISIS leader in Afghanistan. A Pentagon spokesman said about 50 US special forces and 40 Afghan commandos had been choppered in to the Mohmand Valley late Wednesday near the compound used by Hasib. The troops' arrival was met with immediate and ferocious opposition, and early on two US Army Rangers, sergeants Joshua Rodgers and Cameron Thomas, were shot and killed.

SOURCE: 3 March 2017, [AFP](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona—Border Patrol Finds Casket Filled with \$33K worth of Marijuana

(U) Wilcox—Officials with US Customs and Border Protection say agents recently arrested a man after discovering a casket filled with dozens of pounds of marijuana. Agents performed a traffic stop of a white hearse on 29 April near an immigration checkpoint north of Tombstone, border officials said. During the stop, agents discovered several inconsistencies—which they did not expand on—and went forward with using a K9 to inspect the vehicle. During a search of the vehicle, agents discovered that a casket was filled with 67 pounds of marijuana, which was hidden between several bags of manure in an attempt to disguise the smell. A 28-year-old US citizen was arrested for narcotics smuggling, officials said.

SOURCE: 30 April 2017, [ABC 15 Arizona](#)

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